



**FSSAI Issues Direction for Re-Operationalisation of the Draft FSS (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations for Standards of Fortified Rice Kernel**

On 11th April 2023, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) issued a Direction under Section 16(5) of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 in Regard to the Re-Operationalisation of the Draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations with respect to the standards of Fortified Rice Kernel.

Through the exercise of powers as conferred under Section 92 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, FSSAI had framed the Draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations with reference to the standards of Fortified Rice Kernel and the same were draft notified in the Gazette of India on 25th May 2022.

The draft standards were operationalised vide directions issued on 23rd June 2022. The provisions in the draft amendment regulations are in the process of final notification which is likely to take further more time for finalisation and publication in the Gazette of India. Meanwhile, to strengthen the National level fortification programme and its implementation, it has been decided to re-operationalise the provisions for Fortified Rice Kernel (FRK), Vitamin and Mineral Premix for FRK and Rice Flour used for making FRK as specified in the direction (no. STD/FA/38/FSSAI\_ issued on 23rd June 2022 deemed to be effective from 23rd December 2022. However, the provisions with respect to the Yeast and Mould Count and Aerobic Plate Count parameter of "Rice flour for the preparation of Fortified Rice Kernel (FRK)" stand withdrawn from the date of issue of this direction.

This Direction was issued with the approval of the Competent Authority through the exercise of power as conferred under Section 18 (2) (d) to be read with Section 16 (5) of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.

Official Notification Link Attached [Here](#)



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